



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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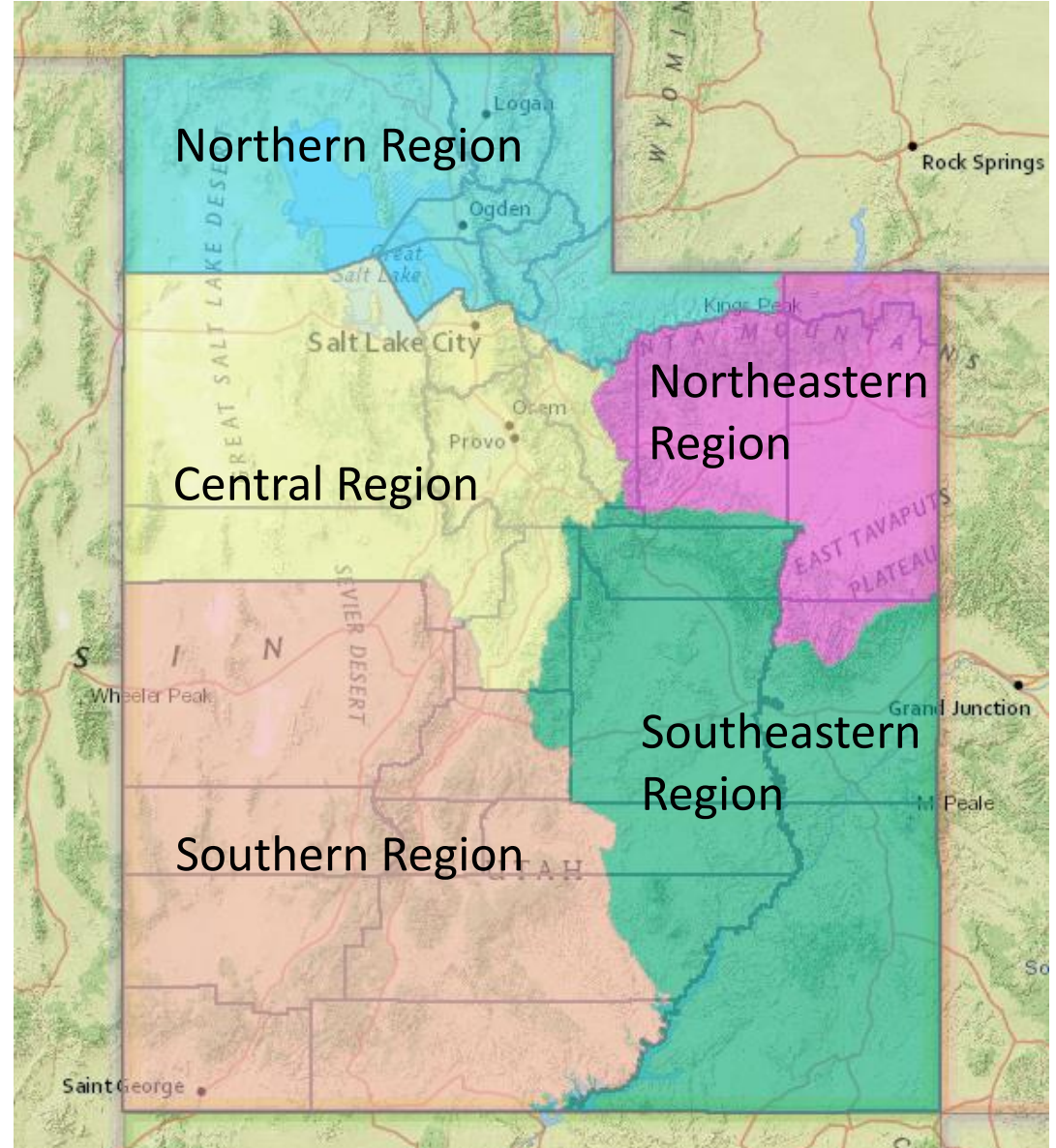


Utah Division of
Wildlife Resources

OUR MISSION

To serve the people of Utah as trustee and guardian of the state's protected wildlife.

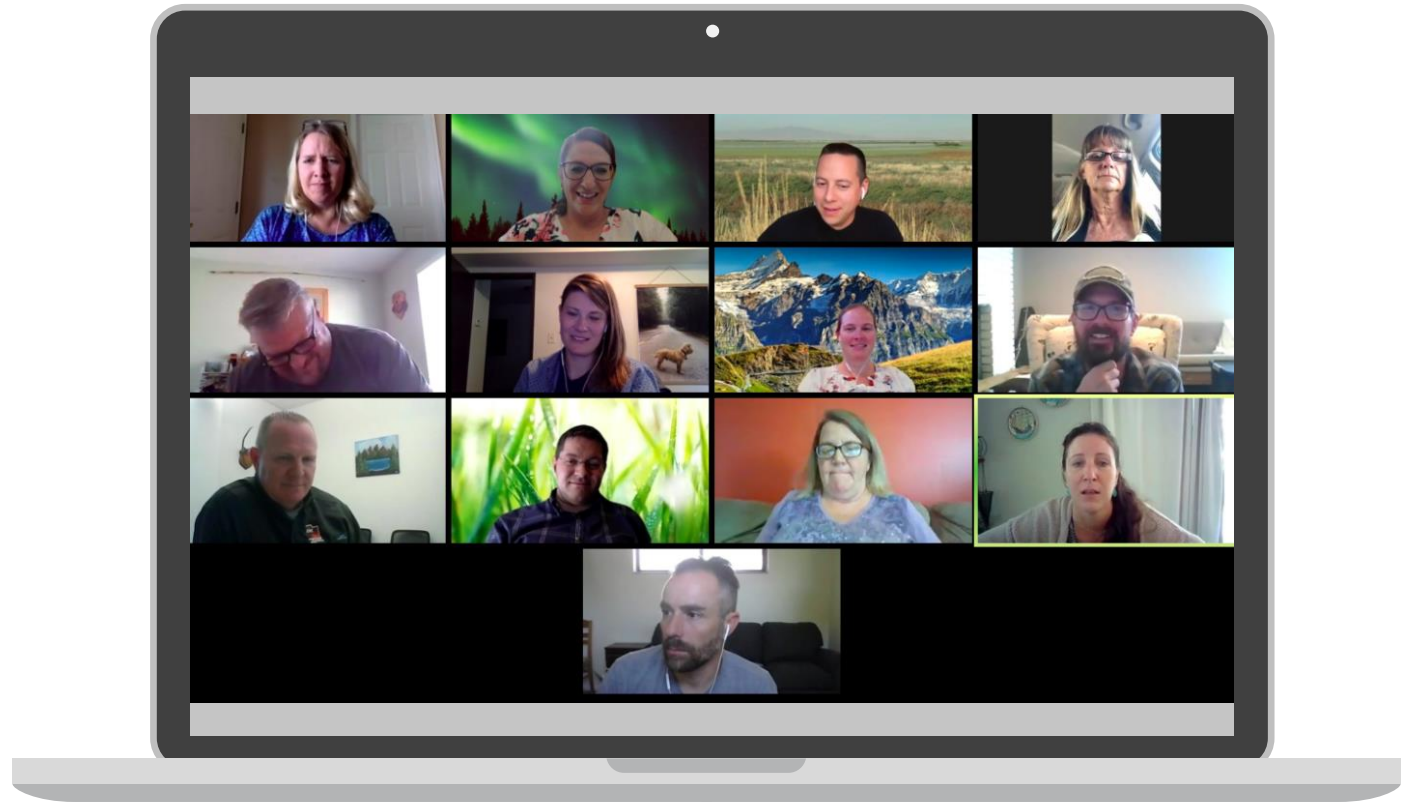
- Headquartered in Salt Lake City
- Regional offices in:
 - Cedar City
 - Hurricane
 - Ogden
 - Price
 - Springville
 - Vernal



PANDEMIC RESPONSE

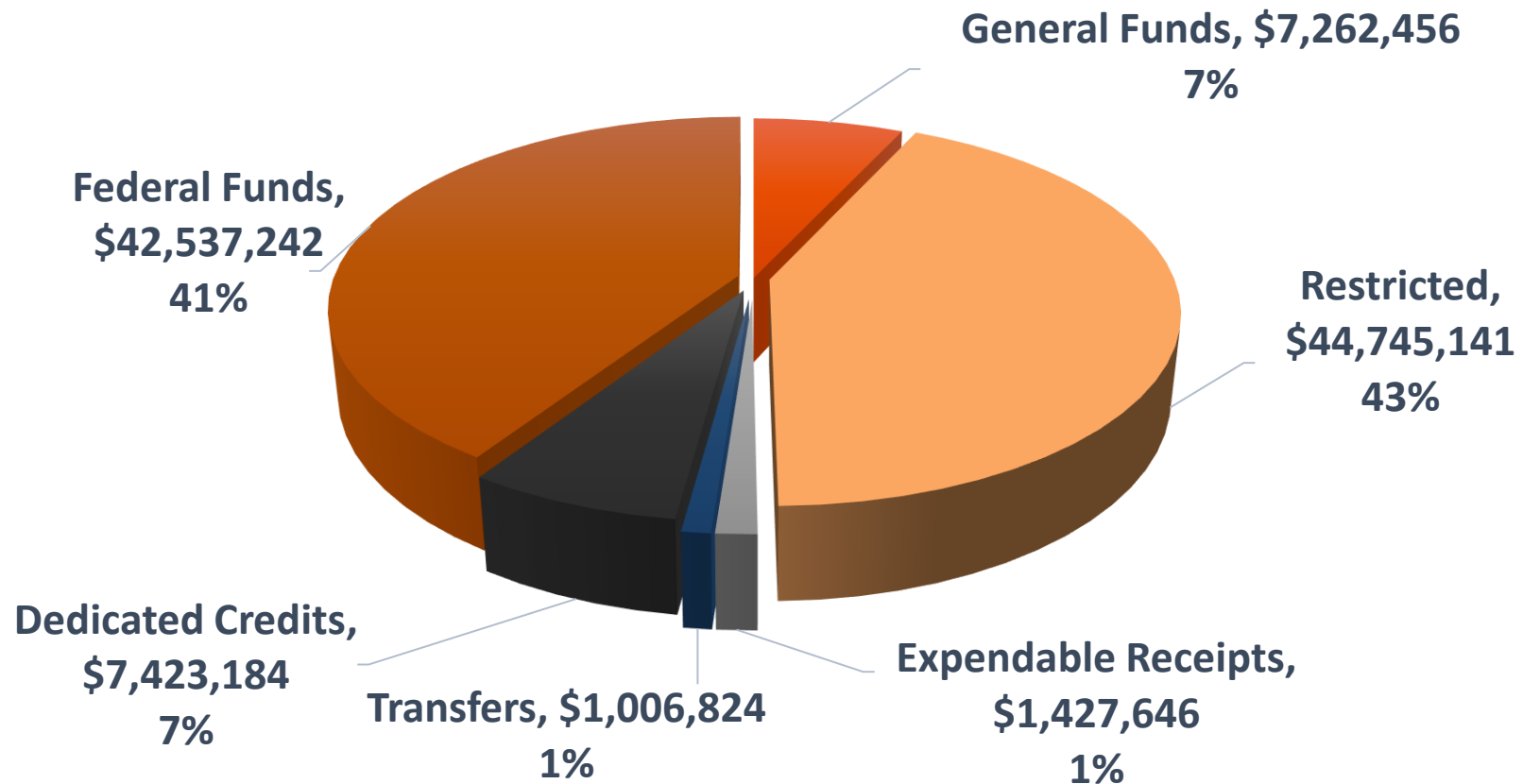
DWR employees adapted quickly to the pandemic:

- Switched to virtual meetings
- Used new tech solutions to improve efficiency
- Took on a variety of roles, especially our officers
- Stayed flexible and supported each other

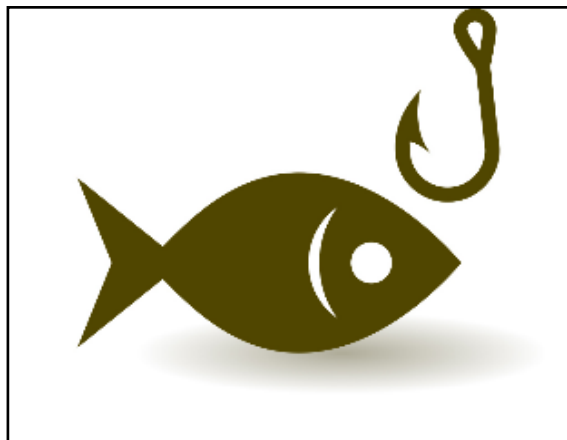


FUNDING OVERVIEW

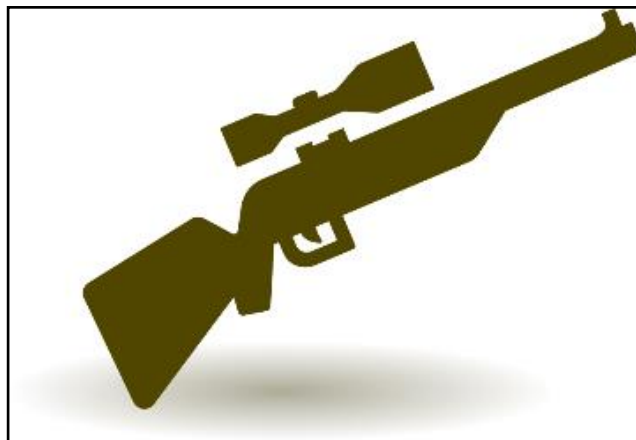
**Wildlife Resources
FY20 Revenues by Type**
Total = \$104,402,494



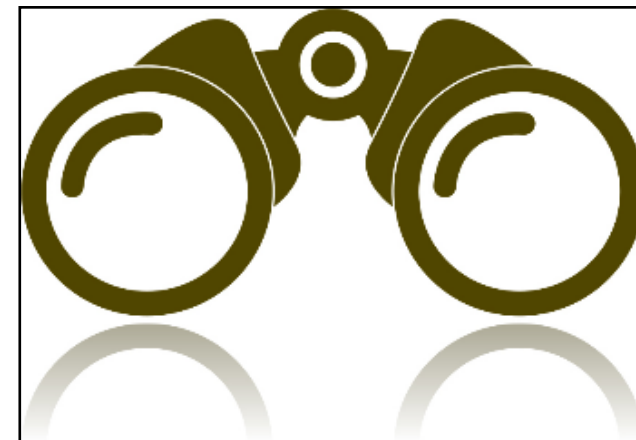
ECONOMIC IMPACTS



FISHING



HUNTING



WILDLIFE VIEWING

These activities have a nearly **\$3 billion ripple effect** on Utah's economy each year.

OTHER ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing also:

- Help support our rural communities
- Create and sustain close to 30,000 jobs statewide
- Generate nearly \$185,000,000 annually in state and local taxes





HOW ARE WE DOING?

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

MORE PEOPLE OUTDOORS

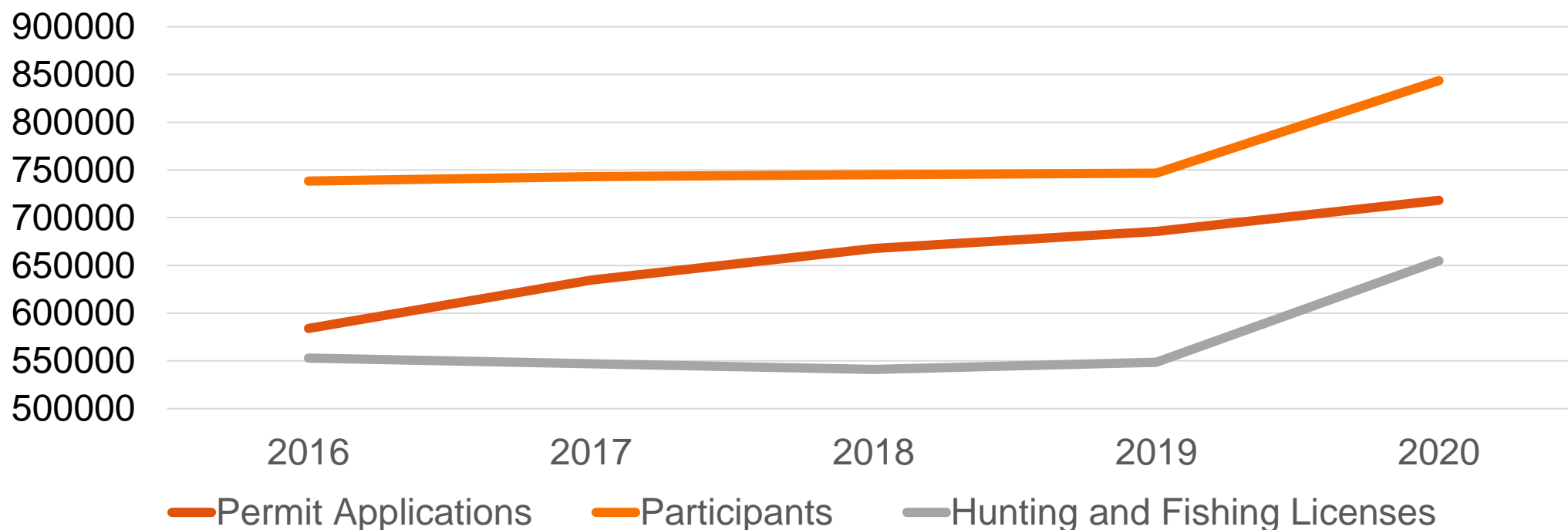
- Utahns love fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and being outdoors.
- 2020 was a record year for participation.
- Outdoor recreation provided a great way to safely distance with friends and family.



INCREASED PARTICIPATION

Demand remains high, and participation grew substantially in 2020.

Participation Metrics



INCREASED LICENSE SALES

- In 2020, our license sales increased by nearly 20%.
- Most of that increase came from new customers.
- We had close to 835,000 unique licensed customers in 2020 (compared to around 735,000 in 2019).



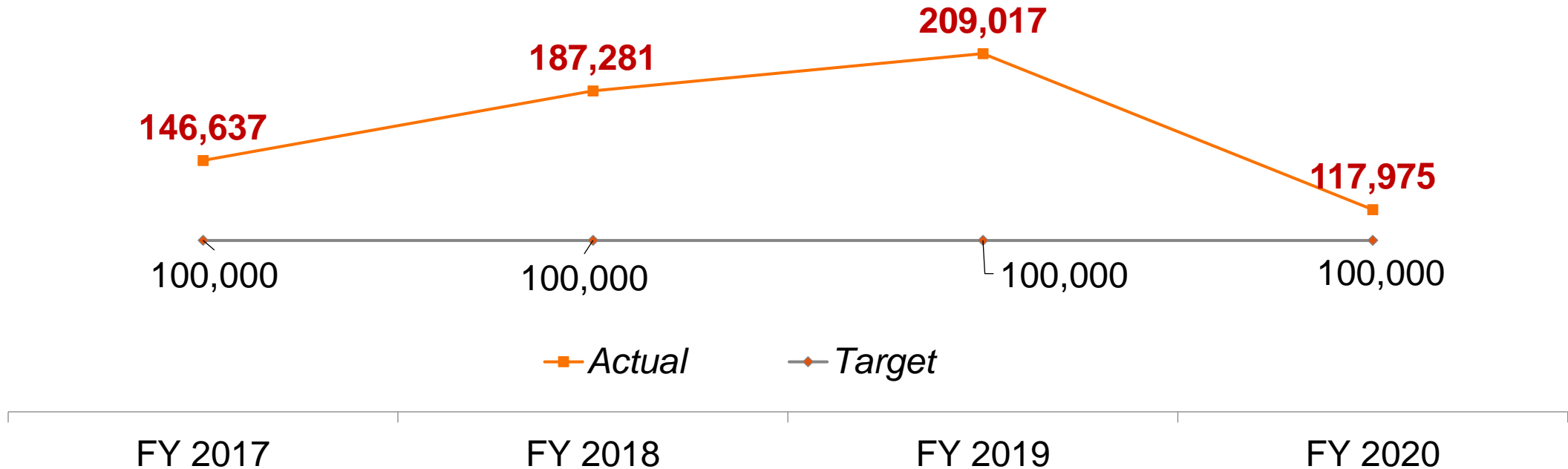
NEW FISHING RECORDS

Anglers set 10 new Utah fishing records in 2020.



MORE HABITAT RESTORED

Number of Habitat Acres Restored



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

We worked with our partners to conduct a record number of watercraft inspections and decontaminations in 2020.

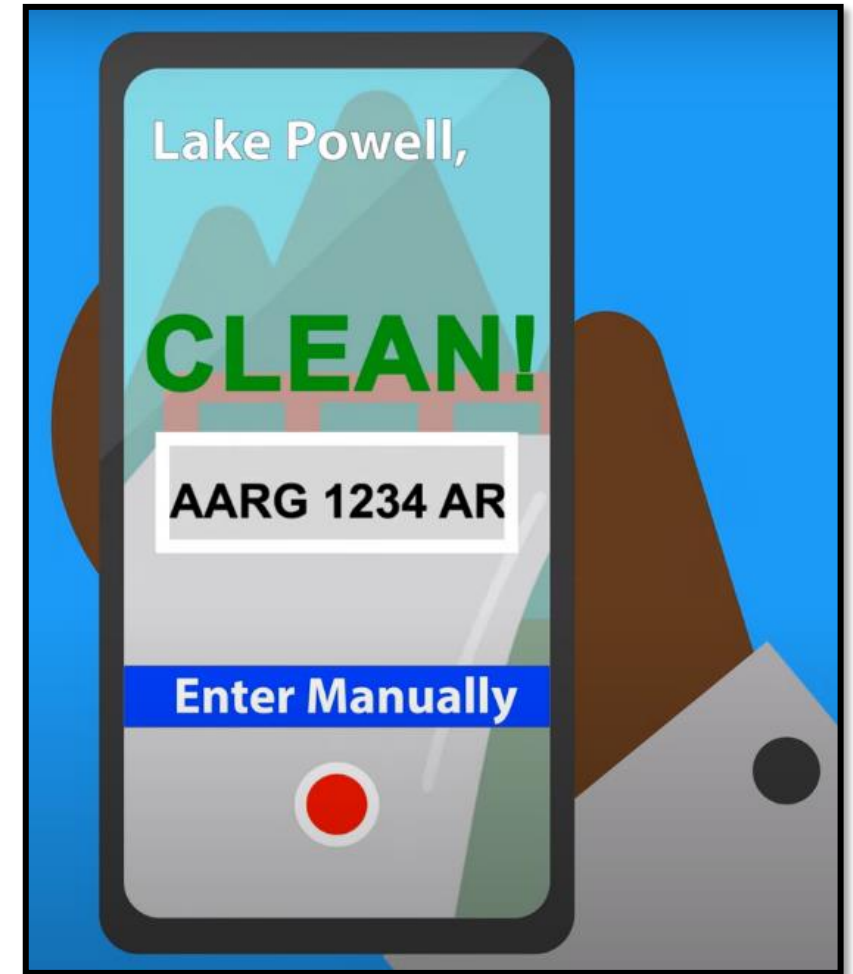
Year	Inspections	Decontaminations
2019	307,274	8,779
2020	436,794*	10,737

* More than 140,000 at Lake Powell

THREE NEW TOOLS

Using the one-time appropriation from last year, we are moving ahead with three new mussel-prevention efforts:

- An automated camera-based data collection system at Lake Powell
- A hot-water dip tank at Lake Powell to decontaminate wakeboard boats
- A program that enrolls private businesses to offer decontaminations to the boating public



SPECIES RECOVERY HIGHLIGHTS



NOT WARRANTED



DOWNLISTED



DELISTED

No Utah species were listed under the Endangered Species Act this past year.

DROUGHT CONCERNS

- To have healthy wildlife, we need healthy habitat.
- Drought has a widespread, negative effect on:
 - Habitat projects
 - All species, including big game
 - Fish hatcheries
 - Great Salt Lake
 - Water temperatures
 - Oxygen levels (algae blooms)
 - Guzzlers
 - Vegetation growth



EXPANDING OUR PARTNERSHIPS

- Working together is the key to conservation effectiveness.
- By preserving and expanding partnerships, we can do much more to help wildlife.



THANK YOU



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